~~Saturday~~ Friday Night - 31 Dec.r!

Many happy New Years to you, My dear Jos & to your heart's darling! I wrote you a long letter about your Title Page & Preface, & also returned the corrected proof by the mail of the 29 Inst. both, I hope, safely to hand. As I learn from Jas Grant that W. & S. will be sending to Boston on Monday, I conclude to forward to you the ½ doz. Specimens made last Summer, & I call your especial attention to the Filices as magnificum de triomphe de l'Art, as a B. F. would say — I return your number of Hooker's Jour. Bot. & wish you to send me any you may have rec.d (with Summ.r of Seyer's Plants) subsequent to the 2 Nos. I had of Sullivant's — that is to day, I have had 3 numbers - I also send you my last 2 letters from Boott, which I give you a fortnight to digest, at the expiration of which time you must return them, as I have yet to enter upon certain points with our good friend Boott, & may have occasion

to refer to his letters – I have done my very best to get together his wants – but of the new things I could get but scanty supplies, & only at second hand, as I do not know wood, & he never answered the letter I wrote him, at your suggestion in 1845; & as to Vasey he is no doubt huffed, good man, at something which I have most unconsciously done, or omitted in my intercourse with him – How sad it is – that some folks will imagine offences, never dreamed of! However, I believe I have sent our good Boott Exemplars, more or less, of every thing he wants, & Olney has further sent him, thro' me, a very nice set of R. I. species – Upon the whole, I trust he will be well pleased with what I have sent him – They are now making a great noise, firing guns & Crackers, by way of welcoming the new Year, & as I am tired, & very feeble withal, I will only repeat my best wishes to you all, & go to bed – I do not get on so rapidly as I could wish, & am almost a prisoner, tho' I walk out a little – Dr Buck George is improving – kind regards to him & Joe

Adieu!

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